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1. OFFICIAL RADIO VOICE LL ZAIRE EVENING JANUARY 16
SAID THAT, IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO KINSHASA EARLIER
THAT DAY, PRESIDENT MOBUTU CALLED SPECIAL SESSION OF
POLITICAL BUREAU TO CONSIDER GOZ RESPONSE TO MPLA/CUBAN
ATTACK ON ZAIRIAN TOWN OF DILOLO (REFTEL).

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2. RECOUNTING GIST OF SESSION TO PRESS POLBUR PERMANENT SECRE-

TARY NGUZA KARL I BOND INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAD (A) NOTIFIED SECURITY COUNCIL OF JANUARY 10 ATTACK BY RUSSIAN AND CUBAN TROOPS (SIC) FIGHTING FOR MPLA, (B) DENOUNCED AS LIES FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS THAT ZAIRE HAD RESPONDED BY FIGHTER-BOMBER ATTACK ON ANGOLAN CITY OF TEIXERIA DE SOUSA, (C) ISSUED SOLEMN WARNING TO SOVIETS AND CUBANS AGAINST REPETITION OF ATTACK. KARL I BOND ALSO SAID THAT GOZ IS HOLDING ITSELF READY TO RECEIVE ANY UN REPRESENTATIVES WHO MIGHT WISH TO COME TO ZAIRE TO INVESTIGATE THE FACTS.

3. EDITORIAL IN KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA JANUARY 17 COMMENTED THAT ATTACK ON DILOLO IS SIGNAL TO WORLD OPINION OF MPLA INTENTIONS TOWARD ZAIRE.

4. KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO JANUARY 17 COMMENTED THAT DILOLO ATTACK WAS FIRST OPEN MOVE AGAINST ZAIRE, FIRST INSTANCE OF MILITARY ATTACK AGAINST SOVEREIGN AFRICAN UN MEMBER BY A REMOTE SUPERPOWER, ITSELF A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. NOTED THAT ATTACK OCCURRED DURING PRESIDENTS ABSENCE AND ON VERY DAY SUMMIT CONVENED AT ADDIS. SAW THIS AS EVIDENCE THAT MPLA AND ITS BACKERS KNEW THAT THEY COULD NOT WIN AT OAU SUMMIT, ADOPTING SAME METHOD USED EARLIER WHEN THEY WERE FACED WITH PROSPECT OF ELECTION. NOTED THAT WHERE SOVIETS FACE DEMOCRACY AND LOGIC THEY ALWAYS RESORT TO SHAMEFUL USE OF FORCE, CORRUPTION AND LIES. OPINED THAT THIS WOULD AVAIL THEM NOTHING IN ZAIRE. POINTED OUT THAT IT IS TIME FOR "SOCIAL IMPERIALISTS" TO REALIZE FUTILITY OF PRESENT LINE. SUGGESTED THAT THEY SHOW THEIR "PURITY OF MOTIVE" BY DIRECTING THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS AREAS STILL STRUGGLING FOR LIBERATION -- NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA. SAID THAT IMPERIALISM WILL FIND OPEN GAVE IN ZAIRE. WARNED THAT ZAIRE WOULD RESPOND VIGOROUSLY AGAINST ANY NEW ATTACK. CUTLER

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